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Shuster Announces Grant to the Greenwood Volunteer Fire Company in Blair County

Washington, D.C. – **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the Greenwood Volunteer Fire Company has successfully secured a \$76,000 grant through the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Fire Fighters Program (AFGP).

The \$76,000 grant will be used to purchase a variety of equipment and personal protective apparel such as new turn-out gear for the company's firefighters and a new compressor to refill air tanks for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Additionally the company will use the grant funding to purchase training materials to bring all of its active firefighters up to the Firefighter I level of certification.

"I congratulate the volunteers of the Greenwood V.F.C. for their successful grant application," Shuster said. "Without this funding, the fire company would be unable to afford the equipment they need to do their jobs. It's a great win for the people of Logan Township."

"The Greenwood Volunteer Fire Company thanks Congressman Shuster, the Department of Homeland Security and the taxpayers of the United States," said Greenwood Chief Mark Rispoli. "This grant will help us better protect both our firefighters and the residents and businesses of our community, Logan Township. We train constantly to be more effective firefighters and having up-to-date equipment makes us that much more effective."

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) awards one-year grants directly to fire departments and rescue personnel to support the nation's first responders and the services they deliver. The Department of Homeland Security's Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP) administers the program, in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

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